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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR US DELEGATION TO UN OUTER SPACE  
LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE (LSC) DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES (DBS)

REF.: A) USUN 938; B) USUN 941

1. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED AT HIGHEST LEVELS THAT THE U.S.  
MUST STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLES OF FREE FLOW OF  
INFORMATION UNRESTRICTED BY NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. DIRECT  
BROADCAST SATELLITES, AS WELL AS OTHER FORMS OF BROADCAST,  
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ARE CRITICAL TO U.S. EFFORTS IN THIS AREA. IN VIEW OF  
THE RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENT ADOPTED BY THE 1977 WORLD  
ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC) PROCEEDINGS, DEL  
SHOULD REEMPHASIZE THE PRINCIPLES OF FREE FLOW OF INFOR-  
MATION BY MAINTAINING THE CURRENT U.S. POSITION ON DBS.  
DEL SHOULD CONTINUE TO OPPOSE ANY DBS PRINCIPLE IN THE  
LSC WHICH PROHIBITS A BROADCASTING ENTITY FROM BEAMING

TELEVISION PROGRAMS DIRECTLY TO HOME SETS IN ANOTHER COUNTRY WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT OR WHICH FORBIDS CERTAIN CATEGORIES OR TYPES OF CONTENT OF THE MATERIAL TO BE BROADCAST.

2. FOR TACTICAL REASONS (SEE REF. A) DEL MAY SUPPORT FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY LSC OF UK WORKING PAPER ON DBS (A/AC.105/C.2/L.110).

3. DEL MAY SHIFT TO COMPROMISE POSITION ON DBS ONLY IF SUCH COMPROMISE IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO PROTECT OTHER CRITICAL U.S. INTERESTS, AND ONLY UPON THE SPECIFIC PRIOR CONCURRENCE OF DEPARTMENT ON ACTUAL COMPROMISE TEXT. APPROPRIATE COMPROMISE SHOULD CONTAIN A PREAMBLE ENDORSING THE RIGHTS WE SEEK TO PROTECT AND MAY CONTAIN AGREEMENT TO PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENT TO BROADCAST, BUT SHOULD NOT REQUIRE THE CONSENT OF THE RECEIVING COUNTRY. DEL AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN DBS DISCUSSIONS BUT SHOULD NOT TAKE THE LEAD IN DEVELOPING COMPROMISE FORMULAS. AUSTRIAN DRAFT PRINCIPLE AND CANADIAN/SWEDISH DRAFT PREAMBLE ON ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN STATES QUOTED IN REF. B CAN PROVIDE INITIAL BASIS FOR COMPROMISE DISCUSSIONS, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD REQUIRE CLARIFICATION OF INTENT OF PARA 2 OF AUSTRIAN PRINCIPLE.  
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